

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Eichen et al.

Application No.: 09/674,090

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For: DETECTION OF A TARGET IN A
SAMPLE

Group: 1637

Examiner: Angela Marie Bertagna

Our File: RCP-PT009

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This reply responds to the October 29, 2010 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Applicants' July 12, 2010 "Amendments to the Claims" section is repeated below with the only change being deletion of "a" from claim 36 (as indicated in Applicants October 28, 2009 Amendment).

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: